

## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides therapeutic methods of inhibiting RNA viruses based on the newly-discovered anti-viral activity of cis or trans-6-(2-acetylvinylthio)purine (cis-AVTP) or (trans-AVTP). RNA viruses inhibited by the methods include flaviviruses, namely hepatitis C virus (HCV) and bovine diarrhea virus (BVDV).

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